

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 214

BY SENATOR MOUNT

HEALTH CARE. Provides for administration of nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia.
(8/15/10)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:793(G) and to enact R.S. 37:793(B)(5), relative to the administration of nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia; to provide for the administration of nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia by certain dental hygienists; to provide for a permit; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:793(G) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:793(B)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§793. Nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia; enteral conscious sedation; parenteral sedation; deep sedation; general anesthesia; definitions; permits; credentials; reporting; fees; limitations; exceptions

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B. The following terms describing routes of administration shall have the meanings ascribed to them unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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(5) A dental hygienist who administers nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia in a dental practice shall receive a personal permit from the board and shall be

1 **in compliance with board rules and regulations.**

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3 G. The authority for the administration of ~~nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia,~~
4 ~~enteral conscious sedation, parenteral conscious sedation, deep sedation, and general~~
5 ~~anesthesia~~ **anesthetic and sedative agents** as described in this Section shall be
6 limited to ~~qualified dentists licensed by the board for use on dental patients.~~ **as**
7 **follows:**

8 **(1) The administration of enteral conscious sedation, parenteral**
9 **conscious sedation, deep sedation, and general anesthesia shall be limited to**
10 **qualified dentists licensed by the board for use on dental patients.**

11 **(2) The administration of nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia shall be**
12 **limited to qualified dentists and dental hygienists licensed by the board for use**
13 **on dental patients. Dental hygienists shall administer nitrous oxide inhalation**
14 **analgesia only under the direct supervision of a dentist licensed by the**
15 **Louisiana State Board of Dentistry to whom the board has issued a permit to**
16 **administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Greg Waddell.

DIGEST

Present law provides that the authority for the administration of nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia, enteral conscious sedation, parenteral conscious sedation, deep sedation, and general anesthesia shall be limited to qualified dentists licensed by the board for use on dental patients.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the administration of nitrous oxide to dental hygienists licensed by the board and who have obtained a permit for the administration of nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia.

Proposed law further provides that the dental hygienist shall administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia under the direct supervision of a dentist licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry to whom the board has issued a permit to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 37:793(G); adds R.S. 37:793(B)(5))